MINOR MICHIGAN MATTERS. A Farmers' Institute is to be held at Paw Paw on Jan. 20 and 21.

A lady at Morgan is trying to organize a Good Templars Lodge. A. C. Buxton has begun the manufacture

of engines at Nashville. Muskegon Lake is being crossed by teams, but the ice is none too thick.

The scheme to extend the corporation of Benton Harbor has been dropped. An otter has been accused of being in Rex-

ford's Lake. Let him dispute it if he dare. It is said that there are eleven poker houses in operation nightly on one street in Mus-The C. & W. M. R. R. has laid off no men

and has made no reduction in wages this The champion skater of Canada was beaten the champion skater of America at

at Kalamazoo. The ice harvest has commenced at Muskegon. The ice is scarcely six inches thick, but it is clear and solid.

Quincy is to have a new enterprise. A firm has decided to manufacture grass and cloverseed sowers there.

Some persons in Muskegon being out of fire-wood have been tearing down fences and stands at the driving park. In Spring Arbor township Mr. and Mrs.

John Kimball recently celebrated the sixtieth anniversary of their wedding. Hastings business men are talking of hiring a Pullman parlor and sleeping car for

two weeks to visit the Exposition. East Woodland, Barry county, are becoming Christians during the progress of the revival

Martin Gokely was arraigned at Lansing on Thursday on a charge of assaulting his wife. He was convicted and sentenced to ninety days at Ionia.

money from a man in North Lansing, on a forged order. A similar game was played in Flint not long ago. Rev. Hugh Lamont, formerly of Big Rap-

ids; now of Coldwater, is said to be perfecting a telephone that promises to eclipse all other instrumenss in use. On Thursday the M. C. R. R. Co. began

harvesting their annual ice crop at Thornapple Lake. The ice train puts up at Nashville, Barry county, nights. The Benton Harbor band plays for the St.

Joseph rink and the St. Joseph band for Fashion Rink, Benton Harbor, on Wednesday and Saturday evenings of each week. It is reported that the Benton Harbor polo club intends adopting the Massachusetts

league rules, playing only six men instead of seven, as heretofore, after their match at The annual meeting of stockholders of the Salt Association of Michigan was held at East Saginaw on Thursday. The sales of salt the last year were 343,000 barrels in

excess of those in 1883. The owners of backs are having trouble at Muskegon. One man claimed that he has exclusive right to certain positions at the depots and another man disputes his rights. It may have to be decided by law.

Mrs. Louise Reed Stowell, an eminent lady scientist of Ann Arbor, has been elected a member of the Royal Microscopical Society; the first lady ever admitted outside of Eng-land, and the third ever honored by admission to its membership.

Two men at Gobleville were arrested for keeping a gaming room. They were given into the care of a constable who was to incarcerate them if they could not find bail, He allowed them to go and look for bail and they siezed the opportunity to escape.

An employe of the firm of C. N. Marshall he took a sudden resolution to go to Alex-& Co.. extensive lumber and ship timber dealers, at Royal Oak, had both legs crushed and his left arm broken Thursday, by the rolling of a large log upon him. His wounds though serious are not necessarily fatal.

The annual mesting of the West Michigan Med ed Association was held in Muskegon inst Friday afternoon and evening. At the conclusion of the exercises in the evening the rever nd genterners, Cay on his hand the physicians were entertained very hospit- in his course opinious are unix remet,

grown its present boundaries, and will soon the isnet afast d, bit do a country gathremove into better and in we commodious quarters, where the number of pupils can be doubled and accommodated comfortably. It postet, and remarked to the moust r and

The ponce cannot solve the mystery con- practical joke. nected with the shooting of Jack Winters on Westness y night. It appears as if Winters withholds information because he does not wish his whereabouts on that night to be known. Many do not believe that Gonngan is the guilty party.

A joint meeting of the Citizers' Committee and representatives of the State Board f Houlth was held at Leusing on Friday evening to complete the arrangements for the day, pending these procedures Manier proposed sanitary convention in that city. walked in o the y un; have a solles at March 19 and 20 was selected as the date for Emera, and commence of to interry centiholding the convention.

It has been demonstrated that there are some things which will not work as well backwards is forwards. The machinery in feed mills is a case in point. One such mill in Royal Oak refused to do good work; and apon investigation by an expert it was found that they were grinding backwirds.

The yield of gold and siver per ten of rock ernshed at the Ropes' mine during the mouth of December, was by accurate estimates and assays placed at \$8.13, or to be safe \$8 per ton. Assays of the tailings made in Chicago show that \$9.75 of the precious metal was escaping for each ton of rock milled.

In response to a call, some of the wool growers of Jackson county assembled at the Council rooms, in Jackson, Jon. 9, to consider the propriety of organizing a county wood growing and sheep shearing associa-It was finally organized and it was decided to hold a sheep-sheering testival in Jackson, April 15, 1885, on the fair grounds.

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CLAY AS A POKER PLAYER. A Same in Which He Came Out Very Largely Behind.

Washington Cor. Baltimore Herald. "Yes, sir, that's the very same table on which Mr Clay used to lose the greater part of his Congressional salary. As I said, Clay and Bright sat down to play at eight o'clock. 'Now, Dick,' said Mr. Clay, as the game began, 'understand that I can not play later than tweive o'clock. I promised to attend church in Alexandria tomorrow morning, and I don't want to go

there looking as if I had been up all night." "The blind was fifty cents, at to come in, and no limit to bets. In those days there was no limit, as there generally is now. All a man could demand was a sight for his money. The car is were cut and Clay got the first deal. He was a noted cardshuffler. He eseld hold his hands four feet apart and fly the cards from our to the other without a single card falling. His favorite style was to mix the cards from the ends and not from the sides, holding a They are having a very interesting series balf-deck in each hand, flirting the ends of meetings at the North Presbyterian church with his thumbs and mixing them into a perfect pack with one movement. He usually dealt with one hand, with scarcely a perceptible movement of the arm, his long, muscular fingers enabling him to throw each card to its proper place. But Clay was not a good poker-player. Like most intellectual men, he played for the excitement, not for gain, and, as a rule, he was so careless about his bets that he came out loser. He had a passion for big bets, and he rarely failed to straddle the blind or raise the bet after the game got fairly started. So, if the luck came his way, he would win heavily as long as it lasted. But he was a great bluffer, and Some of the most prominent citizens in bet high whether he had the cards or not-The men he played with found this out, of course, and he never came out of a prolonged gams without being fleeced.

"For nearly two hours that night Clay had everything his own way with Bright. If he didn't hold a king-juil four times A sharper got a sack of flour and \$10 in hand-running, followed by a jack-full, then I hope I may be shot for lying. Bright tried his best to catch Clay in a bluff, but it was no use. Clay came to the front every time with a hand that nothing but fours could phase. At 10:3) Bright had lost \$1,500, and had borrowed \$500 from John Hancock. After that Clay's luck deserted him, but he railed to rucoznize it. He continued to bet as high on a pair of deuces as he had been betting on ace-full. By milnight he had lost all his winnings and \$1,000 besides, all the cash he had with him.

"'I guess we'd better quit,' said Bright, "as you want to go to church to-morrow." "'Oh! blow the church,' replied Clay; do you suppose I want to hear a man preach right on top of losing \$1,000 at poker? Not mich. You just lend me \$500

and let the game go on.' "So the game proceeded, and at daylight Clay was in d bt to Bright to the amount of \$1,530, and that is the way it stood when the game en lad. I learned afterward, from Hancock, that Clay liquidated that debt by giving Bright a deed to 320 acres of K ntucky land and transterring to him six shares of stock in a Louisville bank."

"So Clay d.d. 't go to church that morn- COAL, WOOD, LIME, CEMENT ing?" the old-tamer was asked.

"Well, I was just going to tell you about that. I am not responsible for the story, as I was not there, and have no personal knowledge of it. But, as told then, Clay went to his room that Sunday morning, shortly after daylight, to go to bed. But andria, anyhow, and keep his church engagement. He went in the carriage of a triend. Quite a crowd ollowed him when he went out to get in his carriage. There a number of people were presented to Mr. Clay, among them the rector of the church. howst ry was now who he was talking to ably at the residence of Dr. and Mrs. Cook. and in doing this a pact of colds was sud-The Boy Rapids Industrial School has out- dealy spined on the ground Clay was not ered up the car's, re a car shearin his -netitation which has become a perma- o h rs who were scanning there that a friend had pur the cardian his pocket as a

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